Brownfields 2013 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Mott Community College, Flint, MI

EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Program

In 2010, the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) led an effort to more closely collaborate with other programs within EPA on workforce development and job training. Program offices now participating in the expanded initiative include the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI), Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST), Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO), Center for Program Analysis (CPA), Innovation, Partnerships, and Communication Office (IPCO), Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This initiative was created to develop a job training cooperative agreement opportunity that includes expanded training in other environmental media outside the traditional scope of brownfields hazardous waste remediation. As a result of this effort, the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program now allows applicants to deliver other training in the environmental field, in addition to the core traditional brownfields hazardous waste and petroleum training historically provided.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities. Residents learn the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field, including a focus on assessment and cleanup activities. Since 1998, EPA has funded 206 job training grants totaling over $45 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program. As of March 2013, approximately 11,473 individuals have completed training, of which approximately 8,198 have obtained employment in the environmental field with an average starting hourly wage of $14.12. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 71% since the program was created.

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$195,050

EPA selected Mott Community College for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Mott Community College plans to train 51 students, place 36 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The core training program includes 370 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, enhanced health and safety, applied math and science, site assessment, soil and groundwater sampling and treatment, lead and asbestos awareness, mold awareness, site remediation preparation, leaking underground storage tank corrective action (e.g., site assessment or remediation) awareness including procedures for tank removal when necessary to perform corrective action, wastewater treatment, and greening techniques. A total of four state and four federal certifications will be offered. Mott Community College is targeting veterans and unemployed, dislocated, low-income, or low-skilled residents of Flint for recruitment. Key partners include the Center for Community Progress, Genesee County Land Bank Authority, the City of Flint, Career Alliance, Inc., Flint River Watershed Council, and a number of environmental employers

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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